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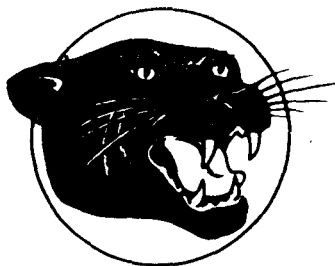
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CHARLESTON, IL--(April 15, 1985)--Springfield, Ill. native Liz Cavanagh has signed a national letter of intent to attend Eastern Illinois and play basketball next season.

The Sacred Heart Academy averaged nearly 17 points a game for the Blazers this season. She also averaged five rebounds a game while leading Sacred Heart to a 20-7 mark.

"I'm really excited with Liz's decision to pick Eastern," states EIU head coach Barbara Hilke. "She is a confident player who performs under pressure well. Liz may have had the best second half of the season of any senior in the state. She averaged nearly 19 points in her last 10 games. That's great for a point guard."

The 5-foot-7, 120-pounder is a two-time all-city selection by the Springfield Journal-Register. Cavanagh shot 49% from the field and 69% from the charity stripe as a senior.

"I'm real happy with my decision about attending Eastern next season," proclaims Cavanagh. "I liked the school and it wasn't too far away from home. I knew the people there because I've gone to summer camp. That had a lot to do with my picking Eastern. I trusted the people and Coach Hilke is real honest with the players."

Cavanagh doesn't just excel on the hardwood. She sports a grade point average in excess of 3.5 and aspires for a career in medicine upon graduation.

"Liz fits the mold of the type of players we try to recruit at Eastern," admits Hilke. "She is a quality athlete and student."

Eastern Illinois signed 6-3 center Ann Pluhm (Litchfield) in the fall and the staff is expected to announce more signings this week.